

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: CURRENCY CONTROL SYSTEM
AND PORTABLE SAFE

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION, CLAIMS AND
ABSTRACT MADE VIA PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Amendments to the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14:

For example, since handling bills and coins every time of playing is cumbersome, there is a system in which renting out pachinko balls used in an amusement game facility is controlled with cards. With such a system, a player buys a prepaid card by inserting bills (and coins) into a card vending machine placed in the amusement game facility, receives pachinko balls discharged-out as the card is inserted into the card inserting slot of a pachinko game machine or of a ball renting machine by the side of the pachinko game machine, and plays using the pachinko game balls.

Amendments to the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2:

Generally, managers or employees of the amusement game facility load the currency handling devices with specified quantities (amounts) of bills, coins, and cards before the business hours of the amusement game facility, and after the business hours, they take-out the bills, coins, and cards out of the currency handling machines, count them, sum up expenses, etc. Replenishing bills, coins, and cards may be carried out also during the business hours of the day as a matter of course.

Amendments to existing claims:

1. (Amended) A currency control system comprising:
a game-related device having a currency holding section for holding currency;